Use of Addithes in Processed Foods

3164. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased *to* State:

(a) whether Government are aware that over 5G0 additives are being used in piocessed foods and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that several of these additives including artificial sweetners and food colours are cajrinorgenic specially for children and pregnant mothers ; and

(c) whether many of these ad ditives are being ued in our soft-drinks industry include Caffeine which is an additive in nature?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL FARE (SHRI RAMN1WAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Under the pro visions of Prevention of Food Adul teration Act, 1954 and Rule 1955 Food additives like preservatives, food colovrs, flavouring agent, fla vour enhancers, andifiers, emulsi-fiers, antioxidants, stabilisers, anti-caking agents, anti-i'aoming agent and anificiai sweetners are permi tted *a* food products within safe limits, on the basis of Acceptable Daily Intake of these additives and technological necessity in the manu facture of food products, Chemi cals which are carcinogenic aie not permitted.

(c) Some of these additives such as permitted flavouring, colouring matter, preservative:, emulsifying and stabhzing agents, citric acid, fumaric acid, sorbitol tartaric acid phosphoric acid, lactic acid, ascosbic acid, malic acid, edible gum, edible gele-tin.. albumin., salts of sodium, calcoum magnesium vitamins cafleine not exceeding 2C0 parts per million, sact chat in not exceeding 100 parts per-

million and quinine salts not exceeding 100 parts per million have been permitted in soft drinks.

Technology mission on population control

3165. Shri Chaturanan mishra : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sugges tions for undertaking Technology Missions on Population Control, Blindness and safe Alternatives to Pesticides were received from aNcn-Government and Organisation by the concerned Group of the Com-mission; if so the details thereof;

(b) what is the present status of these proposals ;

(c) whether the concerned soc iety has been informed of the position; and

(d) whether specialist NGOs would be involved in framing, implementation evaluation and monitoring of Technology Missions?

THE MINISTER OF PLAN-NING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTA TION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Employees Employed by World Bank and U.N. Bodies

3166. SHRI CHATURANAN-MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINIS TER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and desi-gnations of employees who were em-ployed by World Bank and UN bodies on deputation while serving with Government and returned tp Government service;